



## Ralph E. Ternes

April 29, 1925 - April 10, 2020

Ralph E. Ternes of O'Fallon, MO passed away on Friday, April 10, 2020 at the age of 94. He had been declining in health and died peacefully in his sleep.

Ralph was born in Henderson, KY on April 29, 1925 to Frank and Mary Windhaus Ternes. He was the youngest of seven children.

He enlisted in the Navy in 1943 at the age of 18 and served in the Pacific. Upon his separation from the Navy in 1946, he returned to Berea College to finish his degree. He married his high school sweetheart, Mary Louise Pinson in 1950. They had three children, David, Jane, and Susan.

Ralph worked for various companies throughout his lifetime but retired in 1987 as the President of Bloomfield Manufacturing Co. He continued to live in Bloomfield until 2017 when he moved to O'Fallon, MO to be closer to his daughter and grandsons.

Ralph was preceded in death by his wife Mary Louise, son David and son-in-law Randy Francis. He is survived by his daughters Jane Francis and Susan Blethen (Steve). Also, three grandchildren, Sarah Blethen, Nick & Ryan Francis and three great-grandchildren, Karlee & Reagan Francis, and Ariana Morales. He is survived by several nieces and nephews.

A visitation for Ralph is planned for Saturday, July 11, 2020 at 9:30 am followed by Mass at 10:00 am at Holy Name Catholic Church in Bloomfield, IN. There will be a luncheon following the Mass and burial will follow in St. Louis Cemetery in Henderson, KY.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Holy Name Catholic Church in Bloomfield, IN or to St. Mary-of-the-Woods College in St. Mary-of-the-Woods, IN.

# Cemetery Details

## Saint Louis Cemetery

South Main Street  
Henderson, KY 42420

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 11. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Holy Name Catholic Church  
700 Lincoln Drive  
Bloomfield, IN

## Service

JUL 11. 10:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

JM

“ I just learned of Ralph's passing and want to express my condolences. I worked with Ralph in Bloomfield for several years. I also knew his wife and daughters, and I know he will be missed. My prayers for the family. Joan Mason

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**Joan Mason** - July 10, 2020 at 02:15 AM



“ Hi Janie,

*I remember your father gave me a job one summer after I came home from college and tried to be a server at Hunter's. I was horrible at that so you talked to your father who hired me to work at the factory. I'm still grateful for that job. He was a sweet man and always willing to help someone.*

*Thinking of and praying for you and yours during this time.*

*- Joyce (Hasler) Long*

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**Joyce Long** - July 07, 2020 at 05:41 PM

RA

“ My Dear "Janie",

*On behalf of myself and our class, I want to extend our sympathy. I always liked your folks and knew your father a little better. You and yours are in my prayers.*

*God be with you now and in the days to come.*

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**Roger Axe** - July 07, 2020 at 12:14 PM

SB

“ I was around 8 years old when Uncle Ralph came to visit. When he rang the doorbell, I was so excited and ran to meet him. I tripped on our carpet and my left hand broke through one of our glass windows at the side of the door. Uncle Ralph calmly pushed my hand back through and put his hand through unlocking the door. Meanwhile, I am screaming bloody murder and my mom was panicking. He came in, lifted me up and carried me to the couch, instructing my mom what to bring him. He was so gentle and soothing that I finally stopped crying. I will never forget that day because that's when he became my hero and favorite Uncle. I miss and love you Uncle Ralph. Rest In Peace ❤️

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**Sandy Biles** - July 06, 2020 at 06:20 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Ralph E. Ternes.



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July 06, 2020 at 06:08 PM

JK

“ *Sincere condolences to Jane and the entire Francis family. God rest his soul and give all of you comfort and peace.*

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**Jack Karakelian** - July 06, 2020 at 04:40 PM

DF

“ *Ralph was a great friend and neighbor. Always enjoyed our talks and laughs with Dad and Mom. I know you and Dad are enjoying time together in heaven. Love and miss you.* ”



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**Dominick Forsdick** - July 06, 2020 at 04:11 PM



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**Lester Jenkins and Sons Funeral Home Inc.** - July 06, 2020 at 03:32 PM